Endless Embroidered Pillow

Supplies:

- PFAFF creative 2170 with embroidery unit.
- PFAFF Endless Hoop
- PFAFF Embroidery Design Collection # 383 Endless Needlework
- Schmetz #100 top stitch needle
- SULKY TEAR AWAY Stabilizer
- Mettler poly sheen multi thread
- PFAFF 1/4" Right Guide Foot
- PFAFF Decorative Trim Foot
- Piping Hot Binding Tool
- PFAFF Piping Foot
- PFAFF Open-Toe Appliqué Foot
- "More sew-it-yourself Home Décor" By Chris Jeffreys
- Sewing Thread
- Fabric Marking Pen
- Decorative Trim
- Bag's & Tote's Metal Zipper 8 – 12"
- Two Contrasting Fat Quarters
- L'Orna Decorative Touch Wand and Hot Fix Embellishments

Set Up:

- Choose one fabric for the embroidered center panel and hoop four inches down from the top. Be sure to line up one of the 18" sides with the guide on the right side of the hoop.
- Select design # 10.
- Using the Mettler poly sheen multi thread and following the directions for continuous embroidery, embroider the design twice.
- Trim embroidered panel to 6 ½" x 15 ¼", centering the design.
- Cut two border strips out of the contrasting fabric 2 ¼" x 15 ¼".
- Cut a backing piece of fabric of your choice 8" x 15 ¼".

Construction:

1. Using the ¼" Right Guide foot and general sewing thread, stitch the border pieces to the top and bottom of the embroidered panel.
2. Press both seams to the darker fabric.
3. Switch to the Decorative Trim Foot.
4. Stitch decorative ribbon either just inside or on top of both border seams. For this you can use a decorative thread or a thread that matches the

ribbon. A straight stitch or a narrow decorative stitch can be used. Practice the stitch on a scrap of ribbon before stitching on the pillow.

5. Snap on the piping foot. Create piping using Susan Cleveland's Piping Hot Binding kit.
6. Now stitch the piping to the front of the pillow referring to the directions on page 19 in Chris Jeffreys' "More sew-it-yourself Home Décor."
7. Create a topstitched zipper on the backing fabric.
    - Cut a piece of fabric 4" wide x length of zipper + 2"
    - Draw a rectangle the size of the zipper opening in the center of the right side of the strip.
    - Place the strip, right side up to right side of the backing fabric wherever the zipper will be placed.
    - Stitch on the marked line using an Open-toe Appliqué foot.
    - Clip inside the rectangle and out to the corners with out cutting your seam. Turn strip to inside and press.
    - Place the zipper under the opening and topstitch around.
8. Another method for inserting a zipper can be found on page 25 of "More sew-it-yourself Home Décor," or, instructions for a flap back pillow can be found on page 30 of "More sew-it-yourself Home Décor."
9. Leaving the zipper open at least 5 inches, with right sides together, stitch the front and back together all the way around tying off at the beginning and end. This can be done with the piping foot, to help hold your fabrics steady.
10. Trim the corners to reduce bulk. Next, turn the pillow right side out through the open zipper and press.
11. Using the L'orna Decorative Touch Wand, embellish your pillow with crystals, create a fringed tassel and attach it to the zipper.

Fringed Tassel

Supplies:

- PFAFF 6mm Beading Foot
- Decorative Thread

Construction:

1. Find a piece of cardboard or anything sturdy that is approximately twice the height you would like the finished tassel to be (Suggestion: an empty fabric bolt).

2. Choose a thread to make the tassel and wrap it around the cardboard approximately 100 times. Depending on how thick you want the tassel to be, you may want to wrap more or less times around the board. Snip thread from spool.
3. To remove the thread from the cardboard, firmly hold the cut thread with the wrapped threads and snip through all strands.
4. Fold the threads end to end. Now you should have a bundle of thread about the width of your cardboard with a loop on one end and the cut ends on the other.
5. Attach the 6mm Beading foot to your sewing machine.
6. Select zig–zag stitch #3, width = 3.5 - 4 and length = 0.8. Place the machine in free motion position with the feed dogs down.
7. Hold the thread firmly at both ends centered under the beading foot. Using the same thread, stitch back and forth over the middle third of the thread bundle until all threads are wrapped tightly together.
8. Fold the thread bundle in half once more. Now you should have a wrapped loop on one end and the loose threads on the other.
9. Adjust the width of the zigzag to 6.5.
10. Leaving an open loop the size you need, stitch the two sides of the tassel together. Use your judgment here- leave as much fringe and your loop as large as you would like.
11. Be sure to tie off the stitch, otherwise the tassel may unravel!

12. Clip the non corded loop at the end with the loose threads. Finally, trim all thread ends to the same length and your Fringed Tassel is complete.

Please note these directions were made using a rayon decorative thread. If you are using cotton thread, you will probably not need to wrap as many times as the cotton thread is much thicker.